

## Base Briefs

### SPEAK TODAY, SHAPE TOMORROW

The Air Force Chief of Staff wants Air Force people's opinions. His survey runs through March 8. Members can take the survey from a government computer at <http://csafsurvey.af.mil> or from a non-government computer at <http://www.csafsurvey.com>.

### BASE BEACHES CLOSE TODAY

All areas of Surf, Wall and Minuteman beaches are closed effective today until further notice, pending hiring of personnel to enforce protection of the Western Snowy Plover. Target date for opening the beaches is April 5.

### ROAD CLOSURE SET FOR TODAY

The intersection of Korina Street and Ocean View Boulevard is closed today from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday. All through traffic will be directed to Utah Avenue. The intersection is closed again Tuesday at 8 a.m. through Wednesday at 4 p.m. Residents who live on Claremont Court will have access. For more information, call Bob Griswold at 606-2048.

### PROMOTION CEREMONY TODAY

Col. Robert M. Worley II, 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing commander, invites all base members to congratulate Vandenberg's newest NCOs and promotees today at 3 p.m. in the Pacific Coast Club ballroom.

### FREE TAX HELP AVAILABLE

The tax office is open for tax preparation appointments. Trained volunteers are ready to help. Call a unit tax representative at 606-3668 or 606-3650.

### AFSPC ROAD SHOW BRIEFING

Team Vandenberg is invited to attend an informative briefing about the future of AFSPC and your personal role in shaping its future. Topics include a Space Commission update, space professional development and personnel updates. Briefings are Wednesday at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the base theater. For more information, call Capt. Carl Mullen at 606-4725.

### FOCUS HELD AT COMMISSARY

Vandenberg commissary staff holds a focus group March 18 at 1 p.m. The purpose of the focus group is to gain firsthand knowledge of how well the commissary meets customers' needs. To join the group, call 734-3354 Ext. 225.

### GLOBAL HEARTS POTLUCK MARCH 9

Global Hearts holds a potluck March 9 at 5 p.m. in the Chapel 1 annex. Spouses with a sponsor who has been TDY for more than 30 days or on a remote assignment may attend. Make reservations by Wednesday with Chaplain (Maj.) David Terrinoni at 606-5773 or Tech. Sgt. Todd Lefebvre at 606-1607.



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN ANNE MCCORMICK

From the 76<sup>th</sup> Helicopter Flight, Capt. Matt Horin 2002 Guardian Challenge helicopter instructor, runs into the Pacific Coast Club ballroom Tuesday during his introduction. Horin was on last year's winning helicopter team.

## Hawks aim to hook Sharks

*Guardian Challenge rally kicks off annual competition*

BY STAFF SGT. ANDREW LEONHARD

30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Public Affairs

■ The Hawks took off into the blue Tuesday as Team Vandenberg began the countdown to Guardian Challenge 2002. The rally honored the wing's competitors for this year's event. GC 2002 runs May 6 through 10.

At the rally, Col. Robert M. Worley II, 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing commander, said, "We have an excellent team. I don't know about you, but I know who is the best of the best."

As the lights dimmed and the spotlight came on, the audience discovered that the rally was taken over by Dr. Evil, his pet cat Mr. Bigglesworth and colleague Frau Farbissina, as part of Evil's plan for world domination.

"You are now under my evil influence," said Evil, played by Capt. Kory Khoury, 30<sup>th</sup> Range Squadron.

"Today we are here to honor the 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Guardian Challenge Competition Team. This, of course, falls into my evil plan to steal

the Schriever Trophy and ransom it for \$1 million," Evil said slyly. The Schriever was in good hands though, as Vandenberg's elite core of Honor Guard members guarded the trophy.

Hawkman, Team Vandenberg's mascot, was on hand to urge more than 200 people in the audience to cheer for this year's team.

Guardian Challenge creates competition tough crews and also improves readiness and combat capability through our many aspects of participation, said Lt. Col. James Sharp Guardian Challenge 2002 project officer.

"Everyone is positively effected," said Sharp. "Our trainers are vital in making the team what they are as well as the many participants who support the training and competition.

"The excellent Team Vandenberg support is what brought the Schriever trophy back last year and is what will allow us to retain the trophy this year." Sharp said the support

was evident in the enthusiasm for the team at the kick-off.

"This is a very talented and committed team," said Worley. "This (GC kick-off) begins that commitment over the next few months to keep the Schriever here," he said. Vandenberg has won the Schriever Trophy twice out of the last three years.

Worley closed the rally by asking the crowd to support the GC 2002 team.

"This is a wing team, not just an operations team, maintenance team, helicopter flight team or security forces team. This wing team needs wing support to make it all happen," he said.

Last year, nearly 1,000 competitors and supporters attended the score posting and awards banquet when the 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing won the Schriever Trophy as the best spacelift operations wing. Team V also won the best helicopter crew, the best spacelift maintenance team and the best spacelift operations team.

## Base donates computers to schools

MASTER SGT. LLOYD CONLEY

30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Fortunately for the local community, one man's trash is another man's treasure.

That was the case for one local school as it benefited from Vandenberg's excess equipment program.

The program donates excess government equipment to community organizations, because equipment that outlives its usefulness to the government isn't necessarily useless.

Two donations last month, one made Feb. 13 and the other Feb. 19, exemplify just how the community can benefit.

"The wing donated 15 computer systems to support the parochial day school of the Santa Ynez Presbyterian Church," said Greg Walton, 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing equipment control officer.

"We notified Greg Walton that we had some excess computers and he took it from there," said



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN ANNE MCCORMICK

Mitch Jones, Vandenberg Fire Department, loads up a monitor for donation to a local church.

Tech. Sgt. Todd Lefebvre, NCOIC of readiness at the Family Support Center. Four of the systems came from the base FSC.

The computers are a welcome addition to the church, said Carol Bridgeman, children's ministries director for the church.

"I was looking for new ways to teach the children," she said.

Bridgeman said she plans to set up a computer lab to compliment the church library.

The Church plans to use the computers in the full-time preschool program to broaden the children's learning experiences. They will also be used in Sunday

school, evening adult education and English-as-a-second language classes.

"This isn't the first or the last time the wing has donated computer systems to local agencies in the community," said Walton. "Last year we donated 60 computers to the Lompoc Unified School District. This year we've donated 25 systems to the Kings County probation department and 40 to the Sequoia Union School District."

Walton said the 30<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron has additional

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## Ecstasy video brings 30<sup>th</sup> CS international fame

BY CAPT. TRISH WIEGMAN-LENZ

30<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron

■ It all started out as just a small video production.

No one could have imagined it would earn the 30<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron international accolades and ultimately first place honors in the 2001 Italian Film Festival, Eserciti e Popoli.

Secretary of the Air Force James Roche and Lt. Gen. John Woodward, Deputy Chief of Staff for Communications and Information, accepted the award on behalf of the Air Force Dec. 14 in a special ceremony.

The Italian award is not the first honor the video has received. To win the first place honors, the video competed against 65 entries from 29 other nations' finest video productions in the film festival. The production was also awarded a prestigious Telly Award last March.

The Telly is the Oscar equivalent for non-commercial video productions. Previous winners include Touchstone Pictures, Dreamworks and The Discovery Channel.

"Ecstasy: the End of the Dream" went on to win second place in the

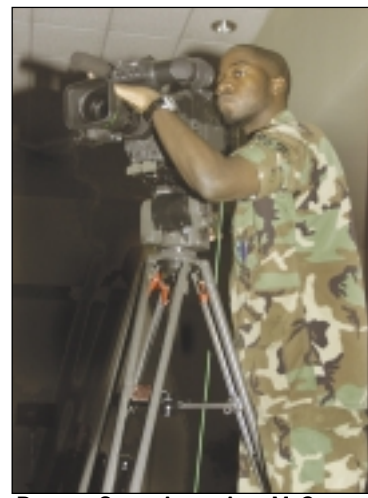


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Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Corey Bullard, 30<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron videographer, was a crew member for the video "Ecstasy: the End of the Dream."

Internal/Public Information Category of the DOD Visual Information Awards competition and was selected as one of the five DOD entries to the Italian Film Festival.

The concept for "Ecstasy: the

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Air Force Assistance Fund begins.

AFA base goal is to contact 100 percent of Team V members. See Page 2.



Team Vandenberg sets their sight on Schriever Trophy. Find out when GC started and what bases are involved. See Page 4.

Weekend forecast  
Low clouds in the morning with clearing skies in the afternoon.



Low/High  
37/70

For a full VAFB weather report visit [www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30og/weather/weather/index.html](http://www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30og/weather/weather/index.html)





PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN STEVE SCHESTER

Col. Robert M. Worley II, 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing commander, and 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant Mike Morey reach into their own pockets to support the Air Force Assistance Fund as Capt. Ann Igl (left) and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Amy Garrett (right) look on. The fund kicked off Monday and runs until the end of March.

# AFAF campaign begins

## Fund helps airmen, families with financial woes

By 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Amy Garrett  
30<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Squadron

Imagine your car is in the shop. The repair bill is an estimated \$1,000. You have approximately \$300 in your bank account, and it's another ten days to payday. Where do you go for help?

The Air Force Assistance Fund was established to help airmen in this type of predicament. The AFAF is the Air Force's official charity. It's all about airmen helping airmen - the Air Force family taking care of its own.

With the permanent theme of "Commitment to Caring," this year's fund kicked off Monday and runs through March 29.

Last year, Team Vandenberg raised more \$29,000 in support of the AFAF. Vandenberg's monetary goal for this year is \$41,607. Another goal is to reach 100 percent of all airmen.

The annual campaign funds go to support four different charitable organizations.

These organizations benefit not only active-duty airmen, but also Reserve, Guard, and retired Air Force members and their families.

The four organizations are:

- ♦ **The Air Force Aide Society.** The AFAS provides assistance in relieving financial emergencies faced by active-duty members and their families. AFAS gives recipients interest-free loans or grants during family and personal emergencies. Aid is also available to retirees, active guard and reserve, and families on a case-by-case basis. Details on programs and eligibility can be obtained at the Family Support Center.

- ♦ **The Air Force Village Indigent Widows' Fund.** The Air Force Village Foundation provides financial assistance to widows and widowers of Air Force Officers. The focus of the foundation is to provide financial support and homes to Air Force family members who have no other place to live. The Villages also provide services to active-duty officers and their families. For more information, visit their web-site at [www.airforcevillages.com](http://www.airforcevillages.com).

- ♦ **The Air Force Enlisted Foundation.** The AFEF provides care for widows, widowers and dependents of Air Force enlisted members. The AFEF has 379 housing units in Florida where indigent widowers can live among peers. The AFEF provides rent subsidy and other support to indigent widows and widowers of retired enlisted people. They are currently in the process of adding a 60-unit assisted-living facility to provide living assistance for widows and widowers.

- ♦ **The General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation.** This foundation provides financial aid to widows and widowers of both officers and enlisted members. Monthly supplemental grants as well as help with one-time expenses enable widows and widowers of Air Force members to continue living in their own home and community.

Contributions may be made to one or more of the above foundations.

The AFAF contributes 100 percent of all funds donated.

Contributions made to the AFAF can be made by cash, check or through pay-roll deduction for military members.

They are tax-deductible. This year's Installation Project Officer is Capt. Ann Igl. She can be reached at 606-5603. The assistant IPO is 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Amy Garrett, who can be reached at 606-2276.

Other AFAF Group Project Officers are as follows:

- ♦ 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing, Master Sgt. Cary Rosson, 605-6214
- ♦ 30<sup>th</sup> Support Group, Senior Master Sgt. Brian Joseph, 606-2990
- ♦ 30<sup>th</sup> Operations Group, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Trey Smith, 606-1258
- ♦ 30<sup>th</sup> Logistics Group, Master Sgt. Denise Young, 605-8718
- ♦ 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Group, Staff Sgt. Ryan Fictum, 606-7811
- ♦ 14<sup>th</sup> Air Force, Capt. Kevin Brooks, 606-2766
- ♦ 381<sup>st</sup> Training Group, Capt. Chadwick Igl, 606-2066

Contact any of the above project officers for unit rep information or contact Capt. Ann Igl for tenant rep information.

Information is also available at the AFAF web-site at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/votefund](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/votefund). Click on the "fundraising" tab to get directly to the AFAF information.

# Honor heroes of past

By Capt. Mark Duffy

At the ripe old age of 30, I came to the Air Force later in life than the typical active-duty member. I knew I had to accomplish a large amount of "blueing" in order to catch up.

I'd heard about the honor guard but didn't know much about it. One day I called my squadron superintendent to ask what it was all about. About a week later I received an e-mail from him saying our group commander was thrilled to hear I was going to be a member of the 90<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Honor Guard.

Although I was new to the military, it sounded an awful lot like a direct order.

Honor guard training was very regimented and at times frustrating. I felt a bit out of place with all the young pups who had all the moves down to perfection, but realized that I was working with a great bunch of highly motivated individuals. With lots of practice and repetition, the moves became more natural; honor guard leadership decided it was time for me to get suited up and start doing details.

A year-and-a-half later, I'm still doing details and now enjoy this additional duty immensely.

One of my most memorable honor guard experiences was a funeral for a retired Air Force veteran in Aspen, Colo. The team departed from Warren about eight hours before the funeral start time and everything progressed well until we were five miles outside of Aspen. The road was closed by a heavy spring snowstorm, the funeral was to start in one hour

and the only other way into Aspen involved a three-hour trip around a mountain range and through the next valley.

After calling the funeral director, who informed us the family would wait, we made the decision to press. It turned into a long day. We finally arrived at the cemetery to find that the only place to change into our uniform was a tiny old gardener's shed with a dirt floor.

The fire drill that ensued as nine honor guard members changed uniforms in the shed was a sight to behold. Somehow, we managed and proceeded to provide the military honors for the funeral.

It was a perfect spring day in one of the most beautiful settings imaginable. The air was crisp but not cold. The sky was an azure blue and the snow-capped mountains accented the horizon in all directions. A gentle breeze rustled the Aspen leaves.

We marched up to the gravesite to find a funeral party of only two middle-aged gentlemen along with the funeral director. A few words were offered over the final resting place.

Then honor guard firing party let loose with three perfectly timed volleys that pierced the thin mountain air. As the sound of the final shot echoed off the surrounding mountains, the melody of "Taps" rang out from the honor guard bugler. As the last haunting notes settled through the Aspen leaves, we folded the U.S. flag and presented the flag to the older of the two gentlemen. Then we formed

up and marched off in perfect synchrony.

After the funeral, the two gentlemen came over to visit with us briefly. They were the sons of the deceased and told us a bit about their father. He was a World War II bomber pilot who served in the European theatre. He was shot down over the English Channel and swam back to France where the French underground helped him escape back to England. He continued to fly bombing missions over Germany until he was shot down again. This time he landed in Germany and was captured. He ended up spending the rest of the war in a German prisoner of war camp.

I'll never forget the last thing the oldest son said to me, "You'll never know how much it would mean to Dad if he knew that you were here today."

Somehow, I'm sure he did know we were there.

Being on the honor guard isn't about ribbons or medals. It's not about flashy uniforms, nor wing recognition. It means fulfilling the commitment we have made to our military family members who have sacrificed so much to defend and preserve the freedoms we enjoy today. It's about providing immediate family members with a sense that the military recognizes the accomplishment of these veterans and cares enough to send its best to honor them.

And, finally, it's about providing the honor and dignity these true American heroes so thoroughly deserve. (Courtesy of Air Force Space Command News)

## Commander's Action line



Col. Robert M. Worley II  
Commander,  
30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing

Mission success is our top priority, and the talented men and women of Team Vandenberg get it done with excellence.

Key to the effectiveness of any great team is good communication. The 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Commander's Action Line is your direct communication link to me.

It provides an avenue for you to voice your concerns, share constructive ideas, or give your Vandenberg teammates a pat on the back.

I appreciate your input, and I am personally involved in every response.

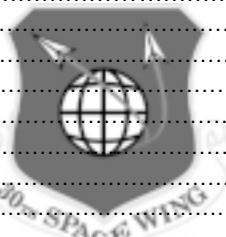
While the Commander's Action Line is a great way to communicate, don't forget there are many other avenues to get answers to your questions including your chain of command, first sergeants, base services officials and other base professionals.

Thanks for helping to make Vandenberg such a great place to work and live. When calling the action line, please leave your name and phone number in case more information is needed.

## Action line 606-7850

or e-mail your message to [actionline@vandenberg.af.mil](mailto:actionline@vandenberg.af.mil)

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During crises or emergencies, call the Vandenberg rumor control line at 606-1857.

**The Vandenberg Honor Guard  
is always looking for  
dedicated members.  
Interested?  
Call 606-3654 to join.**





# Drugs don't pay

By 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. **ELLIOT SELLE**  
*Assistant Staff Judge Advocate*

A military judge sentenced Airman Christie J. Allen, 30<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron, to four months confinement, forfeiture of \$700 pay per month for six months, and reduction in grade to airman basic at a general court-martial conducted here Jan. 10.

Airman Allen was found guilty, consistent with her plea, of wrongful use of a controlled substance, in violation of Article 112a of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Last July, while en route to a San

Louis Obispo nightclub, Airman Allen inhaled a substance identified to her as “meth.”

The following day she was required to provide a specimen as part of a scheduled urinalysis sweep of her flight.

Her sample subsequently tested positive for the presence of methamphetamine.

“Again, we have seen an Air Force member mistakenly believe that their illegal drug use would go undetected by Vandenberg’s urinalysis program,” said Capt. Christopher Morgan, trial counsel.

# ASBC creates aerospace leaders

By 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. **MICHELLE MAYO**  
*30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Public Affairs*

■ In the past year, every shop in the Air Force has seen its new 2<sup>nd</sup> lieutenants disappear for four weeks at a time declaring that they were off to ABC.

Many people, including those lieutenants, had no idea what ABC was.

ABC, which recently underwent a name change to the Air and Space Basic Course or ASBC, is a new and required part of an officer’s professional military education.

“The ASBC mission is to inspire new Air Force officers to comprehend their roles as airmen – those who understand and live by the Air Force core values, as well as articulate and demonstrate Air Force core competencies,” said Lt. Col. Fred Cowell, commander of the 35<sup>th</sup> Student Squadron at ABC.

The course, which began in 1998, is an effort to create Air Force officers – the emphasis on Air Force.

In 1996, Secretary of the Air Force Sheila Widnall and then Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Ronald Fogelman, identified what they believed to be deficiencies in the Air Force officer corps.

Those deficiencies included a lack of dedication to the Air Force core values, a lack of understanding of the Air Force core competencies, the inability to advocate air and space power in the joint arena and a primary identity to one’s Air Force specialty in comparison to institutional loyalty.

Using the Marine Corps Basic Officer School as a model, they resolved to remedy those deficiencies and laid the groundwork for ASBC.

“Ask any Marine Corps member what he or she is and the response will resound loud and clear – ‘I am a Marine.’” Gen. Lloyd “Fig” Newton said in a speech during the ASBC opening ceremony. “Present the same question to an Air Force member and the typical response will be, ‘I’m a pilot, personnel officer, etc.’”

“This course was designed to provide (lieutenants) with a common frame of reference for understanding and employing aerospace forces. It will help you move away from being Air Force specialists and towards warfighting strategists,” the general continued.

Last May, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. Michael Ryan directed that 100 percent of line officers must attend ASBC beginning in fiscal year 2002.

The course is part of Squadron

Officer College at Maxwell AFB and all new lieutenants are required to attend within 12 months of commissioning.

Currently, ASBC conducts eight four-week classes a year with approximately 600 students enrolled per class.

Students come from all of the commissioning sources. About half come out of the Reserve Officer Training Corps, a quarter from the Air Force Academy and another 25 percent from Officer Training School. There is a small number of non-line officers, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard and civilians who attend.

According to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Christopher Williams, a student in the November 2001 ABC class and a student in the 392<sup>nd</sup> Training Squadron here, the gathering of lieutenants from all of the commissioning sources was one of the things he enjoyed most about ABC.

“These are people that you are going to work with throughout your career,” Williams said. “It’s great learning the overall mission with people from all of the commissioning sources. You see how everyone comes together to make one Air Force.”

That is, in fact, one of the goals of ASBC, according to Cowell. “ASBC provides a common experience or bond for all line officers, regardless of their commissioning source,” he said.

The curriculum includes the study of aerospace power, Air Force history, profession of arms, team building and ethics.

“I got a lot out of the classes – especially the Air Force history,” said Williams. “The history provided me with a foundation (of knowledge) on which I can build my future as an officer.”

Lieutenants who go through ASBC gain a perspective that many senior officers didn’t have as lieutenants, said Cowell.

“As a young officer growing up in a ‘tribal’ setting, I was trained to be technically competent in my career field. I was taught how to do my job. The problem was that I wasn’t taught why I was doing it or how the Air Force fit into the broader spectrum of military power. I learned ‘why’ by accident or blind luck,” said Cowell.

“To make matters worse, I didn’t know what I didn’t know. Hopefully, ASBC gives our young officers a short glimpse of the big picture, begins to answer ‘why,’ and whets young officers’ appetite for growth in the profession of arms.” (*Air Force Print News contributed to this article*)



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN ANNE MCCORMICK

## Team Vandenberg Spotlight

**Name:** Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Alicia Salas  
**Assignment:** 392<sup>nd</sup> Training Squadron Information Management Specialist  
**Hometown:** Lakewood, Calif.  
**Time on Vandenberg:** One year  
**Time in Air Force:** 18 months

**Why she loves her job:** “I would recommend a career in the Air Force to anyone. I really feel that I’m contributing to our country’s security while learning and growing as a person.”

**Supervisor’s Comments:** “As a volunteer for the Base Honor Guard and by completing almost half of the credits she needs for her Community College of the Air Force degree, Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Salas is an outstanding example of the talented men and women who get it done with excellence. Her dedication and effectiveness are just what the Air Force is looking for in its next generation of leaders,” said Master Sgt. Vic Morrow, Career Development Course writer for space operations.

# Spouses hold annual fundraiser

By 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. **MICHELLE MAYO**  
*30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Public Affairs*

■ The Vandenberg Spouses’ Club holds its annual charity auction March 9 at the Pacific Coast Club.

The auction is the spouses’ club’s largest fundraising event. The money raised goes to academic scholarships, as well as base and local charitable organizations.

The spouses’ club gave away more than \$12,000 last year in scholarships and donations, according to Lynn Galick, the club’s fundraising co-chair and recording secretary.

They donated money to the Red Cross, the North County Rape Crisis Center and the San Luis Obispo Children’s Museum.

On base, the club supported the summer reading program at the library, the food pantry, Airmen’s Attic and the First Sergeant’s Project Good Neighbor.

“Our focus this year is to see that all of the agencies on base that have a need are taken care of first,” said Susan Ashley, second vice president and fundraising co-chair for the spouses’ club.

“I foresee most of the funds staying at Vandenberg in the coming year,” she added.

The theme for this year’s event is “Swinging at the USO.”

“We wanted to choose a patriotic theme and thought of the USO,” Galick said. “It seemed appropriate.”

Keeping with the patriotic

theme, Patriot Voices will be on hand to provide entertainment.

A swing dance instructor will teach participants how to swing, said Ashley.

Prizes to be auctioned off include hand-crafted quilts -- some of which were sewn by Team V members, a garden bench, many different gift certificates and baskets of goodies such as relaxation kits and tea.

Bid numbers cost \$1, but general admission is free. There will also be free food and drinks.

“It’s going to be outstanding – a lot of fun,” said Ashley.

Galick added, “The

Vandenberg Spouses’ Club did some wonderful things last year. Help us continue to do great things again this year.”

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. For more information about the event, call Ashley at 734-2036 or Galick at 734-4088.

**Currently, the spouses’ club is accepting applications for its scholarship program. Scholarships are available to graduating seniors in the class of 2002 who are dependents of active duty, retired or deceased military members. For detailed information, see the Community Calendar on page 5.**

# Airman ‘lowers the boom’ on terrorists

By **GERRY GILMORE**  
*American Forces Press Service*

An Air Force special operations trooper described moments of danger and levity when he and Army compatriots were hunkered down atop an adobe building north of Kabul last fall.

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Calvin, an air combat controller, said he arrived in Afghanistan Oct. 19, shortly before the start of the Northern Alliance’s drive on Afghanistan’s capital city. Less than 30 hours after his arrival, Calvin, who didn’t release his name for security reasons, said he was directing U.S. military “smart bombs” and other ordnance onto key Taliban and Al Qaeda targets.

Calvin said he and his group

were about 25 miles north of Kabul when the Northern Alliance’s offensive kicked off. The bombs he directed from U.S. Navy and Air Force planes helped shatter Taliban positions that had held firm against opposition troops for three years.

Once the offensive got going, Taliban and Al Qaeda troops were firing at his special ops unit with everything from small arms to bigger-bore weapons, he said.

The Taliban “would take their heavy anti-aircraft artillery, turn it horizontal, and shoot it at us,” Calvin recalled, adding that’s when his group began joking to one another that it was time to get off the roof.

“That particular day we were getting shot at pretty bad. . . even when things get grim, you see the

lighter side,” he explained. No one on the roof thought about retreating, he declared.

“The mindset is to get aircraft on the scene to eliminate that target,” Calvin emphasized. “That’s everything you train for, it comes down to that moment. You’ve got to eliminate that threat so they don’t have it anymore.”

The campaign for Kabul was expected to last six months but ultimately took just 25 days because of the successful use of close air support against the targets. That campaign ended when terrorist troops abandoned the city. Calvin’s special operations team then liberated the American Embassy in Kabul.

Calvin said Northern Alliance leaders and troops appreciated

close air support provided by the Americans in the campaign for Kabul.

“It doesn’t matter what country you’re from, there is that common bond of military camaraderie. Once they saw that we were an asset for them, there was immediate rapport,” he noted.

Calvin is slated to share his Afghanistan experiences with other Air Force combat air controllers. He noted that U.S. and coalition military successes in Afghanistan demonstrate the effectiveness of joint special operations forces warfare.

“You have your intel(ligence) guys, weapons guys, medics, engineers,” he explained. “You take all that technical expertise and you have a force to be reckoned with.”

# U.S. Considers long-term aid for Afghanistan

By **LINDA KOZARYN**  
*American Forces Press Service*

■ Combating Al Qaeda and the Taliban government that provided safe haven for the terrorists is just the first step in ending the long-term strife in Afghanistan, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said in a recent press conference.

Speaking on NBC’s Meet the Press and CBS’s Face the Nation, Rumsfeld said U.S. as well as U.N. officials and coalition partners are considering how to help the Afghan people create lasting peace, stability and security.

The interim government led by Hamid Karzai, he said, wants to create a national military force that will provide that security. An alternative would be to expand the International Security Assistance Force led by the British that is patrolling the Afghan capital of Kabul.

“The Pentagon currently has an assessment team that’s going to make a report to me on how long they think it would take for the Karzai government to develop a national force, what it would cost, and who could assist with the training,” Rumsfeld said. “We have a big interest in seeing that we’re able to give them a good start toward having a secure and stable situation.”

The secretary also said U.S. defense officials have not seen any hard evidence in recent weeks that terrorist leader Osama bin Laden is alive. “If he’s alive, he’s very busy

hiding and he is having a dickens of a time communicating with his people,” Rumsfeld said.

The real test, he said, is whether Bin Laden is able to effectively manage the Al Qaeda network and engage in more terrorist acts. “Is he leading (Al Qaeda)? Is he raising additional money? Is he the power and force in recruiting more people? The short answer is, ‘No,’” Rumsfeld said.

In fact, Rumsfeld said, if more Al Qaeda terrorist attacks occur, most likely previously placed cells would commit them.

Asked about finding Bin Laden, Rumsfeld said U.S. officials knew finding the Al Qaeda leader would be a difficult task. He noted that the Defense Department is not generally in the business of finding individuals.

“We’re really organized, trained and equipped to fight armies and navies and air forces,” he said. “We’re not organized to do man-hunts. That’s a law enforcement task.”

Defense officials see much intelligence information, speculation and theories about Bin Laden’s status, Rumsfeld said. “We’re hard at it,” he said. “We’ll keep at it until we find him.”

Suggesting that the terrorist network is defeated “would be wrong,” he said. “Thousands and thousands” of people were trained in Afghanistan to engage in terrorist acts around the world.

# Clubs offer scholarships

■ **SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**—Air Force Services Agency officials are sponsoring the sixth annual Air Force Club Membership Scholarship Program.

Three scholarships will be awarded to Air Force club members or to eligible family members, said Fred Fried, chief of the club operations branch. First place is \$5,000, second is \$3,000 and third is \$2,000.

The scholarships will be presented by Oct. 1.

Applicants need to be accepted by or enrolled in an accredited college or university for the fall of 2002 in either undergraduate or graduate studies.

Club membership, by June 30, is also needed for eligibility.

To enter, nominees must provide an essay of 500 words or less, titled, “Air Force Clubs — How To Continue The Tradition.”

All entrees should be submitted on standard white bond paper, with one-inch margins, and typed in 12-point Arial, Times New Roman or similar

easy-to-read font.

Entrees must be submitted to an Air Force club by July 15 and must include the sponsor’s name, last four digits of the sponsor’s Air Force club membership card account number, base and club name, and the entrant’s full name and mailing address.

If nominees are family members, they should explain how they are related to the club cardholder.

A one-page summary of the nominee’s long-term career/life goals and previous accomplishments must also be included.

The summary should also include civic, athletic, and academic awards and accomplishments.

In five previous years, Air Force Clubs has awarded \$50,000 in scholarships.

Anyone interested in participating or needing additional information on the program should contact their club manager or go online to AFSVA’s Web site. (*Courtesy of Air Force News Service*)



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PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN ANNE MCCORMICK

**Honor guard members carry in the Schriever Trophy during the Team V Guardian Challenge kick off Tuesday. Team V looks to keep the Schriever here on the West Coast.**

## Guardian Challenge fast facts

- Guardian Challenge is the “Top Gun” of Space Command. It’s a five-day event that enhances space procedures and operations through competition.

- Competitors launch a simulated Intercontinental Ballistic Missile or a space launch vehicle, “fly” a satellite, operate a space surveillance system or space warning system, navigate challenging obstacle courses, and secure high priority resources.

- In July 1993, the Olympic Arena missile competition became Guardian Challenge, reflecting the command motto, “Guardians of the High Frontier.” In 1994, the first “Guardian Challenge” competition took place at Vandenberg. This year marks the 34<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the competition.

- Although the emphasis

during Guardian Challenge is clearly on the competition, the most important long-term benefits gained are increased cooperation between space forces and enhanced day-to-day and wartime operations and procedures.

- The competition gives Air Force Space Command professionals the opportunity to test their readiness and war fighting capabilities and prove they are

the best space team in the world. It’s their opportunity to make a strong statement: “We are second to none.”

- In addition to Vandenberg, there are seven other teams competing in Guardian Challenge this year. They come from Buckley AFB, Colo.; F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.; Malmstrom AFB, Mont.; Minot AFB, N.D.; Patrick AFB, Fla.; Peterson AFB, and Schriever AFB, Colo.

### Guardian Gear

■ Base members are now authorized to wear their Guardian Challenge apparel with uniform items through May 31.

The Vandenberg Competition Association has the following items available:

- Jacket with hawk insignia
- Scarf with hawk insignia
- Hat with hawk insignia
- Shirt with hawk insignia
- 2002 GC team patch
- Older GC patches
- GC team pin

To purchase GC clothing items, call 606-2415.

## VIDEO: Clear need to get message out

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End of the Dream” was born when the 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Group began looking for a means to get the word out to Vandenberg troops about the popular rave drug, Ecstasy.

The 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Legal Office and the Medical Group’s Drug Demand Reduction Manager identified Ecstasy as a potential problem drug because of Vandenberg’s proximity to Los Angeles and because of several Ecstasy-use incidents among Vandenberg’s military population.

There was a clear need to get the message out, and a video seemed like the most effective medium to do this. So the 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Group contacted Christopher Zenor, the 30<sup>th</sup> CS Chief of Motion Media.

“When we began to do research on the project, it was immediately apparent that there was really very little out there on Ecstasy in the DOD community,” said Zenor. “We saw this as a real opportunity for us to put together a production the way it’s supposed to be done. We brought the customer together with everyone who needed to be involved — everyone from videographers and editors to our producer and directors — and together we developed a vision for the production.”

The turning point in the production came when the 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing

Legal Office set up an interview with an airman, “Amber,” who had recently been found guilty of Ecstasy use. She agreed to be interviewed on camera in her jail cell. Her story became the basis of the video.

The production crew credits her with the success of the production.

“Amber was extremely candid,” said Gabrielle DeFrancisco, the co-producer and lead videographer. “She talked about how disappointed her parents were and how she lost her Air Force career because of her Ecstasy use. We thought her first-hand account from behind bars would be much more convincing to our target audience than any amount of preaching about the dangers of the drug.”

The production team combined this footage with stock footage from the National Interagency Civil-Military Institute and various police departments.

They even staged a “rave” in their production studio to get some of the close-up and slow motion sequences. Ultimately, the footage was edited together with factual information, eye-catching graphics and techno music.

“We cut this video specifically to appeal to a younger audience,” explained James Jones, the production’s co-producer and lead editor. “We wanted it to look like something they might see on

MTV.”

The video debuted at a 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Commander’s Call in November 2000 to glowing reviews. From there, it took on a life of its own. The local Drug Demand Reduction Manager sent copies out to her counterparts at other bases and the word spread like wild fire.

The CD-Rom version, released several months later, generated even more interest. By February 2001, the 30<sup>th</sup> CS exceeded the number of videotapes it could legally copy. They submitted the production to the Defense Automated Visual Information System, so customers would be able to order it direct. DAVIS is the fully searchable DOD clearinghouse for thousands of audiovisual productions, including videos, films, and multimedia programs. You can also get information from <http://afishp6.afis.osd.mil/dodimagery/davis/>.

Recently, the video was translated into Spanish and is targeted for use in Air Education and Training Command’s Latin Studies Program.

“This production is really a perfect example of what can happen when everything comes together,” said Zenor. “The customer’s passion for getting the message out inspired us and I think the enthusiasm really showed through.”

AFSPC Directorate of Requirements. “Eventually the EELV will replace medium- and heavy-lift systems currently in service.”

There are two EELV rocket types - a Lockheed Martin Atlas V scheduled for launch in May 2002, and the Boeing Delta IV slotted for July. Both launches will take place from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla.

This acquisition of the EELV will save the Air Force over \$6 billion in launch costs over the next 20 years.



“The EELV is the future of the military space launch,” said Maloney. “This vehicle will ensure our access to space at a more affordable rate for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.”

**Vandenberg’s first EELV launch is a Delta IV scheduled to launch from Space Launch Complex 6 in September 2003. The launch vehicle will be similar to the figure shown.**

## PROGRAM: Win - win situation for all

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requests from the Lompoc Unified School District and Los Padres Elementary school.

Walton said all the donated computer systems come from various units here. Contributions are coordinated through the wing equipment control office.

“It’s a win-win situation,” he said.

“Local school districts and agencies save tax dollars that would normally be used to purchase new computer systems.” This also allows the computer resources to be used beyond the expected life span of the product. Ultimately, the base and community benefit because it gives Team Vandenberg members a chance to give something back to

the community.

Equipment isn’t the only thing Team V donates. Base volunteers donate their time to set up the systems.

Before delivery to their new owners, Walton said all systems are “wiped clean” of any sensitive or classified information.



## Powerlifter takes first at national championship

By TECH. SGT. MELISSA PHILLIPS  
90<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Public Affairs

■ **F.E. WARREN AFB, Wyo.** — At 23, 144-pound 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Kimberly Walford, from the 321<sup>st</sup> Missile Squadron, has reached the peak of her sport for her age and weight category in just two competitions.

In July, she competed in powerlifting for the first time in the 2001 Wyoming State Championships. After only participating and training in the sport for three months, she won the competition which qualified her to go to nationals.

At nationals, she won the 2002 Women’s Junior National Championship in the 148-pound weight class, age 20 to 23, against five other juniors and fifth place in the open-class category against 27 other competitors.

Her win this year automatically qualifies her to compete in nationals next year.

Lifting two and three times her weight, Walford’s highest scores at nationals were: squats, 245 pounds; bench, 203.92 pounds; and dead lift, 418.87 pounds. Her total lift score was 867.79 pounds.

Walford set two national records on her way to the championship. She set a Junior American record in dead lifting at 418.87 pounds, shattering the previous mark by nearly 35 pounds. She also set a national bench record, besting the previous mark of 184, by benching 203.92 pounds.

“I was so nervous I missed my first two squat attempts,” Walford said. “But, when it came down to the last dead lift, I knew I could lift 418 pounds to win. I was really happy, and I couldn’t believe I just won nationals.”

However, five minutes later Walford was crying. Because of a technicality about her birth month, she was too old to compete in the junior category at the World Championships.

“My coach let me cry for like five minutes, and then he told me to snap out if it and recognize I was a national champion,” she said.

Walford’s determined to attain her goal of competing in a World Powerlifting Competition and to do that she has to beat Tara Bohigan, the reigning champion in the 148-pound open class.

Walford’s immediate goal is to win the Military Nationals at Fort Hood, Texas, on March 5. Her ultimate goal in powerlifting, besides being the best, is to break the world

dead lift record of 546 pounds. (Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

## Air Force civilian steps down after remarkable career

By MASTER SGT. RICK BURNHAM  
Air Force Print News

■ **WASHINGTON** — That Jim Bagg has reached the age of 87 would not be considered a significant event in an era where people are living longer, more productive lives than ever before. In fact, the number of Americans age 85 and older grew by more than a million from 1990 to 2000, according to U.S. Census reports.

But if you narrow the parameters a bit — to those Americans who have given the last 60-plus years to the defense of their country — the numbers drop dramatically. And the significance of Bagg’s career takes a whole different perspective.

When he “hangs it up” in a special retirement ceremony Feb. 27 at the Pentagon, Bagg, a supply analyst for the Air Force, will have served 63 years and seven months for his country, half as a U.S. Army officer, half as an Air Force civilian. That puts the South Carolina native in a class by himself — civilian personnel officials at the Pentagon confirmed that he has more years of federal service than any other Air Force employee in the world.

Bagg shrugs at the hoopla over his career and its pending conclusion. That he spent his entire life in and around the military seemed only natural for a man born on a military installation, the son of an Army Coast Artillery officer, and the grandson of the first commissioned dental surgeon at the U.S. Naval Academy.

“I’m not so sure that it’s that big of deal,” he said. “You have people serve 30 years in the military all the time, and then get out and go work another 30 years for another company. I just decided to do my next 30 years with the same company.”

It is a career that bore witness to some of the most amazing events in the history of the U.S. military, from the 1943 “German Blitz” of London, to the “Battle of the Bulge,” to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. And it is a career that he would gladly do again, given the chance.

“If I had to do it all over again, I would,” said Bagg, born on Dec. 24, 1914, at Fort Moultrie, S.C. “In fact, I’m not sure I would change a thing.”

# Around the Air Force

## Female officer breaks new ground

By STAFF SGT. A.J. BOSKER  
Air Force Print News

■ **WASHINGTON** — Brig. Gen. Teresa Marné Peterson, director of Air Force Transportation at the Pentagon, will become the first active-duty woman to command an operational flying wing March 1 when she assumes command of the 305<sup>th</sup> Air Mobility Wing at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J.

“Words can’t express the excitement that my family (and I) have for this tremendous opportunity,” said Peterson, a command pilot with more than 2,500 hours in the C-141 Starlifter, T-37 Tweet and T-38 Talon. “We’re looking forward to being part of an Air Force (base) community again and are grateful for the privilege of command.”

“I’ve had a wonderful career and some really great jobs,” she said. “But in my early years, even thinking big thoughts, I never thought I’d have a chance to be a wing commander. I just wanted to be part of the team.”

Peterson began her Air Force career as a maintenance officer and later went on to complete pilot training, earning her wings. She has held positions as an instructor pilot, flight commander and support group commander.

However, this command is not Peterson’s first “first.” She was also the first active-duty woman in the Air Force to command a flying squadron and then a flying training wing.

Taking it all in stride, Peterson said, “Firsts are only that. Granted, it might be a unique opportunity, but no one is going to give you this kind of job unless you are properly trained, experienced and ready to succeed. In our Air Force, with the things we do, the stakes are too high to do otherwise.”

It is more important, Peterson said, that the Air Force has a second, then a third, and then more women command an operational wing than being the first.

“There are some extremely talented and competent women right behind me who are wing and group commanders,” she said. “They are all highly experienced, having earned the right to be here, and they are ready and willing to lead our Air Force.”

**Editor’s Note: For the complete story and more, check out Air Force News Service at [www.af.mil](http://www.af.mil).**



# Community Calendar

## EVENTS

People can visit the **Health and Wellness Center's Relaxation Room** from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. HAWC guests may enjoy the massage chair, listen to soft music and melt their stress away. Call the HAWC at 606-2221 to reserve a 30-minute session.

The **Lompoc Museum** offers guests a glimpse into local history from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Trained docents lead guided tours by appointment only. Admission is \$1 for adults and free for children and museum members. For more information, call the museum at 736-3888.

**1 FRI** The Dunes Center at the **Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Preserve** offers **guided tours** to visitors. The center also has hands-on, interactive exhibits such as a virtual reality, no-sand-in-your-shoes tour of the preserve and computer exhibits of dune birds, amphibians, reptiles and arthropods for children of all ages. The center is open from noon to 4 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. For tour reservations, call the Dunes Center at (805)343-2455.

Lompoc Civic Theatre presents **"Mornings at Seven"** until Sunday. Performances of this family comedy by Paul Osborn start at 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are available on base by calling 606-7976.

The **Santa Barbara International Film Festival** runs through Sunday. Showtimes and venues vary, so call (805) 963-0023 for more information.. To purchase tickets in person or by phone, call Arlington Ticket Agency at (805) 963-4408. Tickets cost \$8 each.

**2 SAT** Visitors can enjoy **walking tours of historic downtown Santa Barbara** every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon, weather permitting. Covering four square blocks, the tour takes guests through historic Spanish downtown. For more information, call (805)965-6407.

**3 SUN** The **Chapel Community Night** is every Sunday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Religious Education Bldg. classrooms. For more information, call Jill Hembroff at 734-1360, Sharon Egan at 734-4102, or Chaplain Husfelt at 606-5773.

There is an **Undergrad Nite Dance** at the Lompoc Valley Community Center tonight from 8 to 11 p.m. Cost is \$3 at the door. Undergrad Nites are open to Lompoc Unified School District high school students. School identification is required at the door.

The **Protestant** parish begins a weekly event for the whole **family Sunday**. A time for praise, worship and fellowship begins at 5:30 p.m. Sunday. Classes for the whole family begin at 6 p.m. Opportunities include practical teaching for dealing with life's challenges is offered for adults, BIG meeting at Youth Center for teens, children's classes on learning to worship God through song. For more information about all of these activities, call Jill Hembroff at 734-1360, Sharon Egan at 734-4102, or Chaplain Michael Husfelt at 606-5773.

**4 MON** **Public school** students who want to attend a school other than their school of residence must have a parent or guardian apply for a transfer. To be included in the **lottery for the 2002 – 2003 school year**, applications must be in by Monday. Students now enrolled with a transfer need not reapply to remain at their present school. Applications are available at all school locations and the Lompoc Unified School District Central Attendance office at 1301 North A St. Call 736-2371 for more information.

**9 SAT** The Vandenberg Spouses' Club presents their annual fundraising auction, **"An Evening of Swingin"** at the USO. Items to bid on include arts and crafts, silver pieces and desserts. The event is at 7 p.m. March 9 in the Pacific Coast Club. Call Susan Ashley at 734-2036 or Lynn

Galik at 734-4088 to make reservations by March 1.

**11 MON** Pregnant? Planning a family? Attend the 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Group's **Operation Baby Launch** March 11 at 5 p.m. at the Vandenberg Clinic auditorium located at 338 South Dakota Street. This is a great opportunity to learn valuable information on resources available from civilian representatives from our two local hospitals, TRICARE financial concerns, Vandenberg AFB Family Practice Clinic and much more. Receive a free formula kit, gifts and a free raffle from representatives. Spouses and partners are welcome, no registration is necessary. Call Capt. Stacy Rosales at 605-8254 or Nancy Sias at 606-8217 for more information.

**13 WED** The **Vandenberg Commissary's Grand Re-opening** starts at 9 a.m. March 13. There will be free food and prize drawings. For more information, call the commissary at 734-3354.

**16 SAT** The **Allan Hancock College Concert Band** continues its popular public concert series March 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church on Santa Maria Way in Santa Maria. For ticket information, call 922-6966 or toll free 1-866-342-5242, Ext. 3252.

**29 FRI** The **Vandenberg Spouses' Club** offers **scholarships** to college-bound students demonstrating exceptional commitment to academic excellence, extracurricular activity and community involvement. Graduating seniors in the class of 2002 who are dependents of active duty, retired, or deceased military members are eligible to apply. This would also include California-based home schooled seniors and spouses of active duty or retired military members. The selection process for these merit-based scholarships is highly competitive. In addition to providing grade point

average of 2.5 or above and test score information, the successful applicant must also provide detailed information pertaining to honors, prizes, scholarships and awards received during high school. The successful applicants must also list all school, church, community activities, volunteer work, paid employment, family valued commitments and offices held during high school. Anyone interested in applying for these scholarships should contact their high school counselor or Terri Hatten at 734-0282. Complete instructions, eligibility requirements and limitations pertaining to the scholarship appear on the reverse side of the application. Applications must be received by March 29.

**APRIL 20 SAT** **Special Olympics** returns to Vandenberg April 20 at the base track.

The Vandenberg Special Olympics committee needs several hundred volunteers to be athlete escorts, event workers, set-up/tear-down teams and more. Anyone from Team Vandenberg can volunteer. Call Capt. Trevor Flint at 606-0101 to volunteer.

**27 SAT** The **Central Coast Home and Rec Show** comes to the Mid-State Fairgrounds April 27 and 28. The event is the largest home and recreation show on the Central Coast with more than 120 vendors. For more information, call (805) 781-2750.

## CLASSES

**1 FRI** The **Health and Wellness Center** offers **T.G.I.F. Lunchtime Relaxation** every Friday at 12:30 p.m. in the HAWC. Linda Bastine guides participants through various exercises for mind relaxation. By relaxing the mind, the body also benefits. This is one of many ways to manage stress. No registration is required. For more information, call Linda Bastine at 606-9958.

**Step-parenting education** and counseling is available to couples experiencing the unique challenges of step parenting. Linda Bastine is available for one-on-one assistance regarding parenting, marriage enrichment and stress management. Call 606-9958 to schedule an appointment.

**2 SAT** **Hula and social dances for kids** meet every Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. at Everybody Can Dance, 135 E. Clark in Orcutt. Classes are for ages 4 and older. Cost is \$25 per month. For more information, call (805) 348-3314.

**4 MON** The Kings of Swing offer Latin, ballroom and swing dance classes at the Santa Maria YMCA, 3400 Skyway Drive. Partners are encouraged but not necessary. Four-week classes are \$25 and six-week classes are \$35. For more information, call David or Maria at (805) 928-7015. Beginning ballroom classes start at 7 p.m. and Latin dance classes begin at 7:45 p.m. on Tuesdays. Swing classes are on Monday at 7 p.m.

**5 TUE** The Santa Maria Veteran's Memorial Cultural Center presents salsa dance classes every Tuesday

## Dance your heart out



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN ANNE MCCORMICK

**A member of the Higher Movement Dance and Drum Ensemble dances a traditional African dance at the African-American heritage banquet Feb. 23.**

and swing dance classes on Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$25 per month. For more information, call (805)937-1574 or visit the center at 313 W. Tunnell.

## MEETINGS

**Vandenberg's Single Parents' Support Group** meets for lunch every second and fourth Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Pacific Coast Club. The group is for Vandenberg's military and civilian single parents. The next meeting is Tuesday.

The **Lompoc Valley Bicycle Club** meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the Baker's Square Restaurant on North H Street in Lompoc. The group is family and singles oriented and consists of about 30 members ranging in age from 1 to 70 years. Activities range from casual, mountain and road-bike rides to cross-country road rides. There are also regularly scheduled rides to Buellton and Orcutt for breakfast.

The **National Society of Military Widows**, Central Coast Chapter 44 meets the second Wednesday of every month. The next meeting is March 13. Guest speaker Stacy Sherwood speaks on Home and long-term healthcare issues. Widowers are also welcome. The meeting takes place at 2 p.m. in the Retiree Activities Office. For more information, call 606-5474.

**Titan Toastmasters** meet every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Base Library. Learn how to speak effectively in a no-pressure, supportive environment. Learn how to run meetings and think on your feet too. Meetings are open to all interested parties. For information, call Bruce Henderson at 606-1541, Ext. 3627 or Chief Master Sgt. Archie Mitchell at 605-8081.

**2 SAT** The **Satellite Amateur Radio Club** holds its general membership meeting at 2 p.m. Saturday at Building 23100. Prospective and licensed radio operators are invited to attend and see the newly refurbished facility. Visit [www.SatelliteARC.com](http://www.SatelliteARC.com) to learn

more about current activities or call Eric Lemmon at 733-4416.

**6 WED** The **Vandenberg Youth Center School Age Program/**

**Summer Day Camp Parent Advisory Board** holds its next monthly meeting Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Youth Center. Parents of enrolled children are invited to share ideas and constructive criticism and feedback. Information on new programs and other news of interest to parents is available. Call Staff Sgt. Dan Maleika at 606-9544, Nun Copeland or Karen Cook at 606-2152.

**12 TUE** The **Trenchard Society** holds its first brown-bag lunch meeting March 12 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the base library. They will be discussing "Heart of the Storm." The Trenchard Society is a round-table discussion group encouraging officer participation in the Chief of Staff of the Air Force's reading program. It also promotes professional development and an understanding of the issues and ideas found in the literature. For more information, contact the base library at 606-6414 or 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Henry Heren at 605-1338.

**Air Force Sergeants Association general membership meeting** is scheduled for March 12 at 3:30 p.m. in the Base Service Center, Bldg. 10122. The meeting is open to all AFSA members and any enlisted member or retiree desiring to join. For questions, call Tech. Sgt. Debra Wheeler at 606-2563.

**13 WED** An **Asian Pacific-American Association** meeting is scheduled for March 13 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the 381<sup>st</sup> Training Group conference room, Bldg. 8290, 1472 Nevada Avenue. If you are unable to attend, but would like to provide some input, please contact Senior Airman Buasy Nanhta at 606-2328. We are seeking a high-profile guest speaker for the banquet, volunteers for an Asian food sale in April and ideas for activities during Asian-Pacific Heritage Month in May. You do not have to be of Asian decent to be a member of the APAA.



## AT THE MOVIES

### Today

#### The Royal Tenenbaums

Starring Gene Hackman and Anjelica Houston  
When a dejected man learns that his distant wife may remarry, he feigns illness as an excuse to reunite with his estranged family. Rated PG-R.

### Saturday, Sunday

**2 p.m., Doors open at 1 p.m.**

#### The Lord of the Rings

A young hobbit battles against the Dark Lord, Sauron, to save his home from the grip of evil. He embarks on a desperate journey to rid the earth of the source of Sauron's greatest strength, the One Ring -- a ring of such power that it can't be destroyed. Rated PG-13.

### Saturday

#### Orange County

Starring Colin Hanks and Jack Black  
A smart high school student with his heart set on going to Stanford is horrified when his guidance counselor accidentally sends the wrong transcript with his college application. He goes to great extremes trying to remedy the situation. Rated PG-13.

### Sunday

#### Kung Pow

Starring Steve Oedekerk and Leo Lee  
The Chose One is looking to avenge the death of his family at the hands of the seemingly invincible Master Pain. Rated PG-13.

*All movies start at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.*



# S<sub>30th</sub> Services



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## AIR FORCE CLUBS offer scholarships

SAN ANTONIO – The Air Force Services Agency is sponsoring the sixth annual Air Force Club Membership Scholarship Program.

Three scholarships will be awarded to Air Force club members or to eligible family members, said Fred Fried, chief of the club operations branch. First place is \$5,000, second is \$3,000 and third is \$2,000.

The scholarships, which will be presented by Oct. 1, are available in part through commercial sponsorship provided by First USA Bank of Wilmington, Del.

Applicants need to be accepted by or enrolled in an accredited college or university for the fall of 2002 in either undergraduate or graduate studies. Plus, club membership as of June 30, 2002, is needed for eligibility.

To enter, nominees must provide an essay of 500 words or less, entitled, "Air Force Clubs – How To Continue The Tradition." All entrees should be submitted on standard white bond paper, with one-inch margins, along with essays being typed in 12-point Arial, Times New Roman or similar font.

Entrees must be submitted to an Air Force club by July 15, and must include a sponsor's name, last four digits of the sponsor's Air Force club membership card account number, base and club name, and the entrant's full name and mailing address. If nominees are family members, how they are related to the club cardholder needs explaining.

Additionally, a one-page summary of the nominee's long-term career/life goals and previous accomplishments must be included. The summary should include civic, athletic, and academic awards and accomplishments.

In five previous years, Air Force Clubs has awarded \$50,000 in scholarships.

"This is just another example of some of the great benefits and values club membership offers," said Fried, adding that anyone interested in participating or needing additional information on the program should contact their club manager or access <http://www.afsv.af.mil/Clubs/scholarship.htm> on AFSVA's Web site.

Join the fun at the **PACIFIC COAST CLUB!**

**Saturday - 9 p.m. to 4 a.m.**

**ALL NIGHTER!**



**March 15 - Pacific Coast Club  
5 to 6:30 p.m.**

**Members' Social Hour in the Ballroom**

**7 to 8:30 p.m. - Showtime**

In appreciation for all your support during our membership drive the show will be *free* to club members.

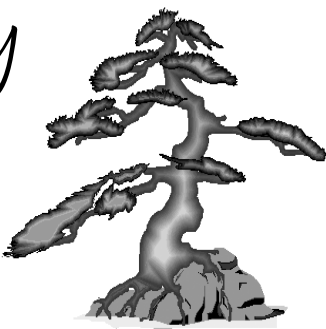
Bonafide guests and spouses, **\$10**

Eligible non-members, **\$20** (at the door)

### V.I.T.T.

Vandenberg Leisure Tours

*Monterey for a day*



**April 13**

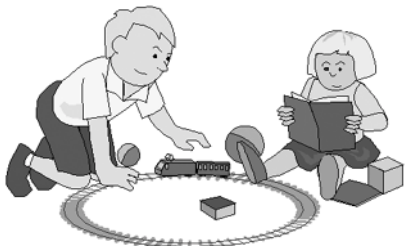
**\$35 transportation only**

Some things to do...

- Aquarium
- Fisherman's Wharf
- Cannery Discount Mall

*or just enjoy the ambience!*

Call Tickets and Travel  
for more information at 606-7976.



## What is Family Child Care?

Family Child Care is the care of any child or children in the home of another person or family. The Air Force further defines FCC as 10 hours or more of care, weekly, on a regular basis in government quarters. There is usually a group size limit of six children, ranging in age from 6 weeks to 12 years. The provider's children, under the age of nine, are included in this limit. The number of children allowed in the home may be less, depending on insurance liability or the size of the home.

A good FCC home will provide high quality care within a safe environment. In addition to attentive supervision, age appropriate activities must be offered to promote children's development. Physical, social/emotional, and cognitive growth must all be considered. Learning experiences that offer times of discovery and feeling successful will help promote children's positive self-esteem.

FCC encourages "hands-off for adults and hands-on for children" during activities. There are many great advantages of Family Child Care!!

To learn more about becoming a licensed FCC provider, contact FCC Coordinator Gwen Jones @ 6-4639/3255.

### BOWLING

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY** - Rancho Bowl in Santa Maria is hosting Missile Cities Women's Bowling Association Annual Tournament. Entries are available at Vandenberg Bowling Center.

**THURSDAY** - Family Night with Thunder Alley and Rock 300, 6 to 9 p.m. Cost: \$6 for three hours bowling including bowling equipment and rental shoes. Come listen to the music and enjoy the glow-in-the-dark pins and lanes!

### GOLF

**WEDNESDAY** - Ladies Priority, 8:32 to 9:04 a.m.

### FITNESS

**SATURDAY** - Indoor Cycling, 8 to 8:45 a.m., Services Center

**MONDAY** - AM Abs, 7:05 to 7:20 a.m., Fitness Center Basketball Court

**TUESDAY** - Box Aerobics, 12 to 12:45 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY** - Life-Circuit Orientation, 9 to 10 a.m., Fitness Center.  
For more information, call 606-3834.

### YOUTH CENTER

#### SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

Registration for the Youth Center's School Age Program Summer Camp begins April 1. Registration is open for all children who will have completed Kindergarten by June 6. Priority is given to those currently enrolled. Camp runs June 6 through mid-August. For more information, call the Youth Center at 606-2152.

**Keep a lookout for future 4-H events at the Youth Center!**  
Call the Youth Center for more information on the 4-H rabbit group at 606-2152.

### OUTDOOR REC

#### BASS CLUB -

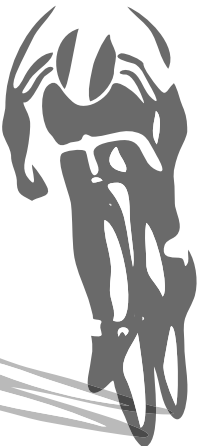
Tournament meeting, March 13, 5 p.m. at the Equipment Checkout. Bldg 11238. Tournament will be held March 17, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call Curtis Dunster at 606-5908.

### Vandenberg AFB Fitness Center

*Road Bike*

*Race*

**Saturday, 9 a.m. - Fitness Center**



Call Brian Owen  
at 606-3834 for details.

## BASKETBALL GAME!

**Vandenberg at FCI**

Saturday at 1 p.m. - Lompoc Prison



The Air Force international skeet team is looking for competitive shooters, such as former member Bill Roy, who participated in the 1996 Summer Olympics and also set three world records at the 1991 Pan American Games. A skeet team training camp will be held March 18-23 at Robins Air Force Base, Ga. (Air Force photo)

## Skeet team holds training camp

SAN ANTONIO – The Air Force international skeet team will hold a training camp and team selection matches March 18-23 at Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

After four days of training, participants will compete in a two-day match to decide who makes the team, which is part of the Air Force's shooting program. All participants must fax an Air Force Form 303 to Staff Sgt. Guillermo Salazar, Air Force shooting program manager, at DSN 487-4739 or (210) 652-4739. Base fitness centers have the forms, or they can be downloaded from <http://afpubs.hq.af.mil/formfiles/af/af030300/af030300.frl>.